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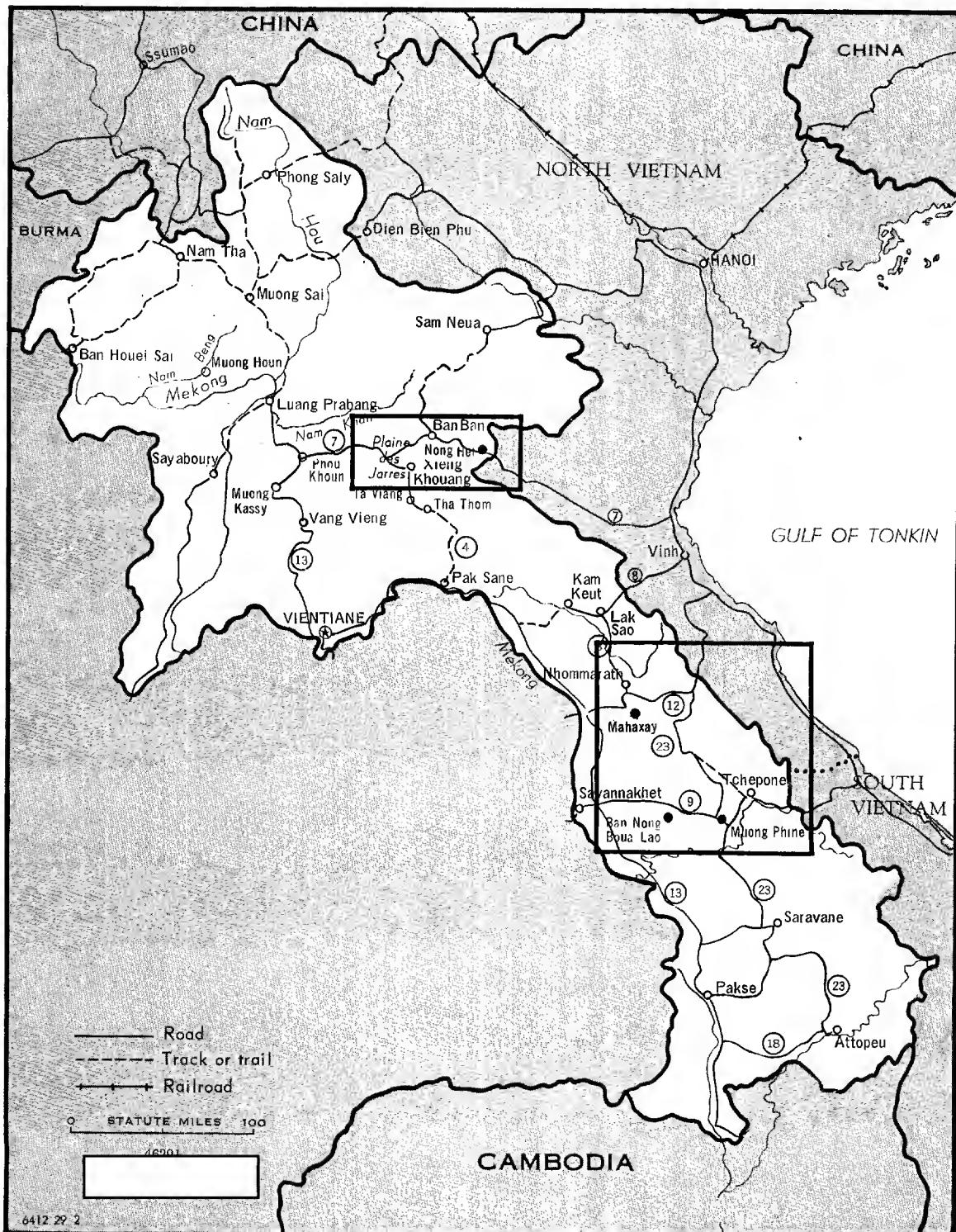
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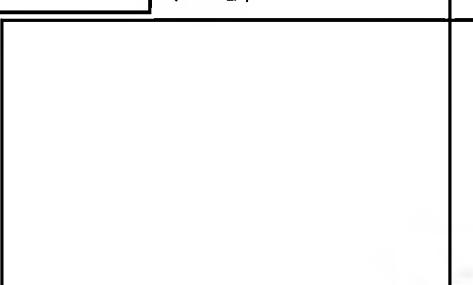
[ ] substantial North Vietnamese and Pathet Lao reinforcements--possibly several battalions--have moved south along Route 23 toward the Muong Phine area. Although their ultimate destination is unknown, they may be slated for deployment along Route 9 to the Ban Nong Boua Lao area where rightist forces last week stepped up their military pressure.]

[ ] at least 500 North Vietnamese troops had been reported moving along Route 12 toward Mahaxay.]

Numerous Communist vehicles continue to move into Laos along Route 7. On 23-24 December, 100 vehicles were observed traveling between Nong Het, a small town near the North Vietnamese border, and Ban Ban, a supply depot east of the Plaine des Jarres.]

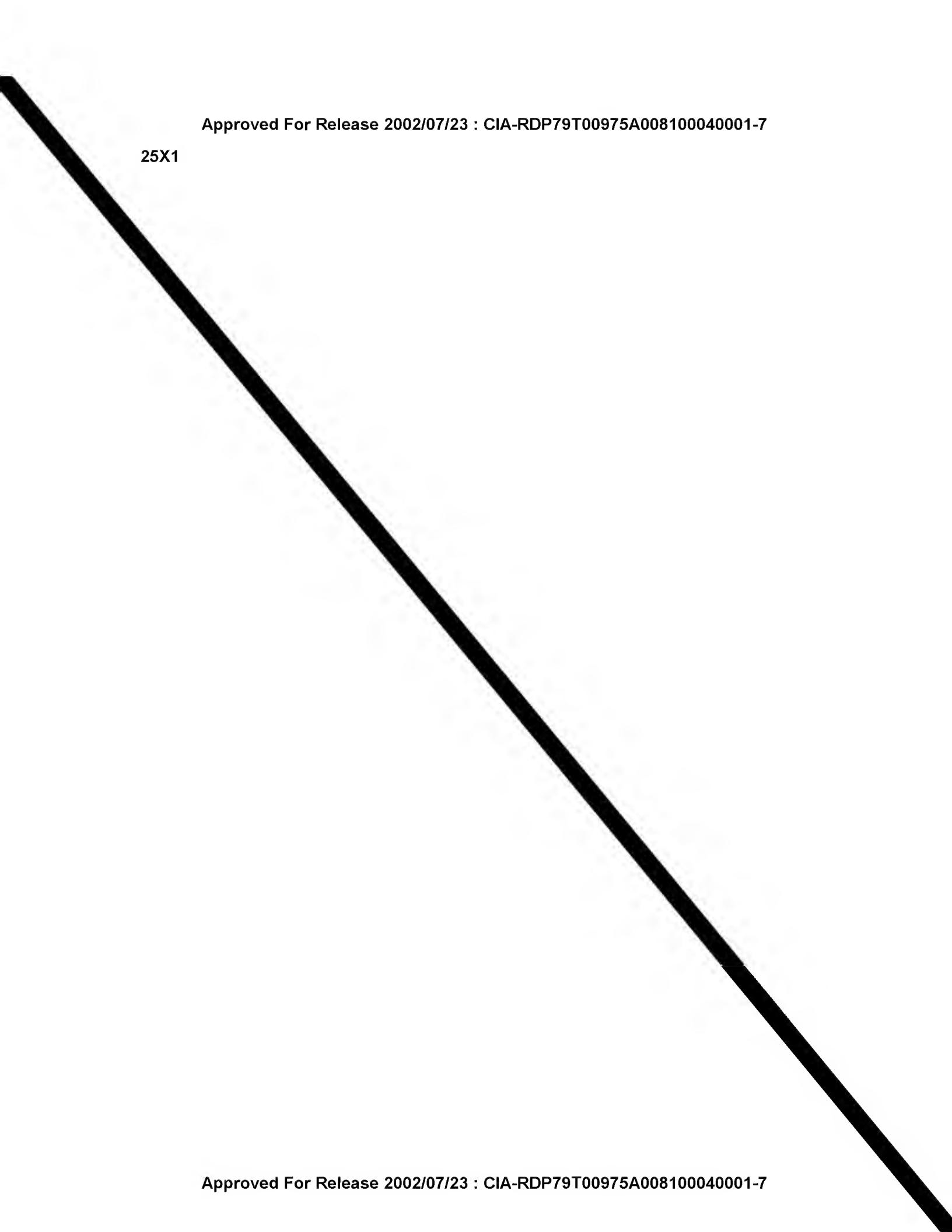
[Meanwhile, tensions have heightened in Vientiane, where rival rightist factions continue to maneuver for power. There are no firm indications that either group is planning an imminent takeover, but such a move could be easily triggered.]

[ ] (Map)



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